GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ADULTERATION IN EDIBLE OIL
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether edible oils are being adulterated in the country as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated January 28, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the States in which such adulterated oils are distributed in large quantity;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken by the Government to check such adulteration in edible oils?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) To (e): No such specific information as reported in "Dainik Jagran" dated 28.1.2008 has been received. The implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration ct, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder are entrusted with the Food(Health) authorities of the States/Union Territories who lift samples of all food articles including edible oils sold in the market and take action in the cases where the samples are found to be adulterated/misbranded or violating the labeling provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder.